

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE
FULL BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
11 MARCH 2009
Open Session
Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

Patrick Barry, Esq.

Norm Chapman

Margaret Coughlin

Joan Crawley

Charles Cronin, DO

Joseph DiPietro, Esq.

Richard P. Iacobucci, MD

Noubar Kessimian MD

Shelagh McGowan

Board Members Absent:

David R. Gifford, MD, MPH, Chair

Thomas Breslin, MD

Robert Dinwoodie, DO

Staff Members in Attendance:

Robert S. Crausman, MD, Chief Administrative Officer

Bruce W. McIntyre, Board General Counsel

Linda Julian, Board Investigator

Mary Salerno, Administrative Officer

Guests:

Mary Reich Cooper, MD, JD

1. A quorum was established at 8:35 AM. Dr. Crausman participated in his capacity as Director Designee for the Director of Health who is also Chair of the Board.

2. On a motion by Dr. Kessimian seconded by Ms. Crawley it was voted to approve the minutes of the 5 March 2009 Licensing Committee meeting. Dr. Sarah Boyle's name was removed for discussion in Closed Executive Session:

The Open Session of the Allopathic-Osteopathic Licensing Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline took place at 8:30 a.m. on the above date, in Room 205, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island.

Committee members present were:

Margaret Coughlin

Noubar Kessimian MD

Committee members absent:

Charles Cronin DO

Staff members present were:

None

Appearances:

None

The Licensing Committee reviewed the application materials of the candidates listed below and directed the Director to issue licenses to practice Allopathic-Osteopathic Medicine pending approval of the Full Board on March 12, 2008 and receipt of the license form and fee.

Name

David Barker MD

Matthew Chanin MD

Alexandra Gordon MD

Thaddeus Herliczek MD

Hyun Song MD

Wenying Yan MD

The Committee reviewed the application materials of the endorsement candidates listed below whose applications are outstanding the FCVS materials. The Licensing Committee directed the Director to issue licenses to practice Allopathic-Osteopathic Medicine to the physicians listed below pending approval of the Full Board on March 12, 2008 and receipt of the license form and fee. The physicians are required to provide the FCVS materials within 90 days of the issuance of their license.

Name

Katrin Kristjansdottir MD

Alexandra Labovitz MD

Todd Vinovrski MD

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Alexandra Labovitz MD

Todd Vinovrski MD

Reactivations/Reinstatement Specialty License Number

None

The Licensing Committee Pre-Reviewed the following physicians.

Name

Eric Goldlust MD

Jonathan Schiller MD

David Searls MD

Bing Yi MD

3. On a motion by Dr. Iacobucci seconded by Mr. Chapman it was voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of the 11 February 2009 meeting with the addition of Norm Chapman as absent.

4. At 8:45 AM the Board adjourned to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 46-42-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of Sarah Boyle, MD.

5. At 8:55 AM the Board reconvened to Open Session pursuant to Sections 46-42-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

6. Chief Administrative Officer's Report:

A. License Eligibility Request: Prior to applying for RI Medical Licensure Michael Connolly, MD writes to request waiver of the 7-year rule for the USMLE. Dr. Connolly required 9 years to complete all 3 steps due to extensive study and research on his part. His scores were within the top five percentile and he will be retaking Steps II and III in the near future to conform to the 7-year USMLE requirement. On a motion by Dr. Iacobucci seconded by Mr. Chapman it was voted to

recommend application. With all in favor the motion passed.

7. Old Business:

A. In response to the Board's recent recommendation to the FSMB regarding the "Doctor" title, the Nursing Board will be drafting their own resolution.

8. New Business:

A. Dr. Crausman notified the Board that Dr. Curtis Perry has obtained relicensure for his ambulatory Surgical Center.

B. Dr. Cronin made the Board aware of recent efforts by RI Blue Cross Blue Shield (BC/BS) to obtain a variance from the RIDOH to the rules and regulations regarding governing of coding due process. The variance will allow BC/BS to deem a physician as an "outlier" if they so choose based on their own definitions with consequences and no time frame. A BC/BS reviewer will be allowed to choose 15 "random" records and pronounce that 10-15% of specific testing is inappropriate. The physician will then be required to reimburse BC/BS for the fees paid, many times large sums of money. Primary Care Physicians billing \$200 or less are being targeted. Dr. Cooper stated that Lifespan had filed written comments regarding this request.

9. At 9:20 AM the Board adjourned to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 46-42-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.